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Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?



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COVER PICTURE

The Church of God, Hallandale, Florida, shown on the cover, was dedicated Sunday, July 13, 1958, preceding one full week of consecration services. The church is located on Northwest Ninth Street and Second Avenue. The program was as follows: 2:30, p.m., song and prayer—All gathered in the old church building and sang, "Won't You Come and Go With Me?" 2:45 p.m.—All gathered in front of the new church building for the laying of the cornerstone. Devotional singing by the congregation. Invocation by Rev. James Gooden. Selection by the choir. Scripture reading by Rev. James Collier. Solo by Sister Edna Harrell. Expressions by sisters and Rev. Henry Smith. Selection by Church of God of Prophecy choir. Expression, Deacon Paul Robinson. Expressions by brothers. Dedictory address by Rev. H. G. Pottier, Overseer of Middle East District. Dedictory prayer and presentation of the building to the Lord, Rev. Hartman Pottier. Recognition of the businessmen and the dedicatory offering, Rev. Walter Jackson. Expression, Rev. Moses Wesch. Selection by choir. Expressions: Rev. A. Demeritt, Alt. Rev. J. Z. Smith, Rev. R. M. Hanna. Closing remarks by Rev. J. B. Ferguson. Rev. Harold Wells is the pastor and builder.

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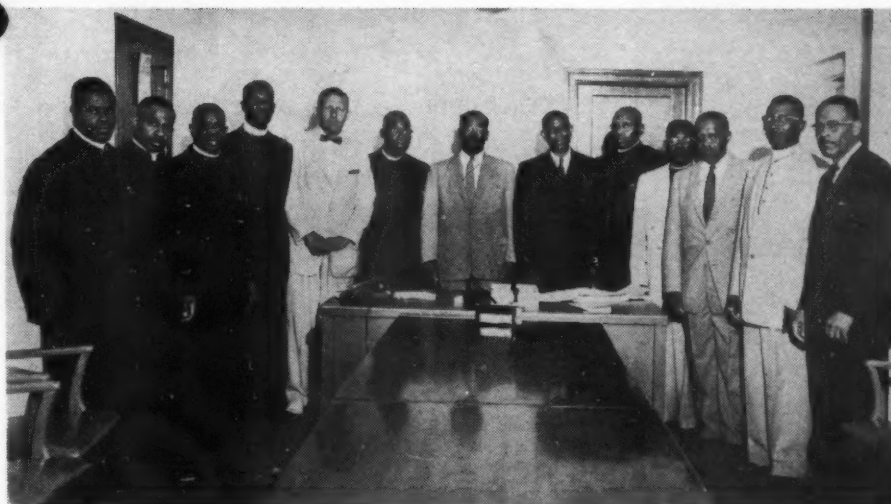
1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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#### COUNCIL OF TWELVE

The members of the Council of Twelve were appointed in May, 1958, by the General Overseer of the Colored Churches, Rev. J. T. Roberts. They are, right to left: The Reverends R. M. Hanna, J. B. Ferguson, F. B. Bell, Solomon Mackey, Leon Deveaux, H. G. Poitler, W. L. Ford, George A. Wallace, (J. T. Roberts, Overseer of Colored Churches, U.S.A.) J. R. Davis, N. S. Marcelle, Clarence Denison, J. B. Cox.

## The Church of God Colored

J. T. ROBERTS, Overseer of Colored Churches

## Churches March On

### THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH OF GOD COLORED WORK

**I**N 1910, IN THE State of Florida, a few colored people began to accept the teaching and government of the Church of God. Brother Edmond S. Barr and his wife, natives of Bahama Islands, were among the number. History shows that the first Colored Church of God set in order was at Miami, Florida, and the next was at Jacksonville, Florida; thus, there were "just two churches." In 1915, the Reverend Edmond S. Barr was appointed overseer of the colored work in the State of Florida. He was the first colored ordained bishop, and he served as overseer for two years. Brother Sam C. Perry was then appointed overseer over the white and colored work.

By 1922, the colored work had made some progress in Florida and had gone out into a few other states, so it was deemed best to appoint a man over the entire colored work. Brother Thomas J. Richardson was the first man to fill this position. Brother Richardson went out in the disruption that followed the Assembly that same year. Then Brother David LaFleur, of West Palm Beach, Florida, was appointed over the colored work. He was very energetic. He went to work with a great zeal. In 1925, he called a General (Colored) Assembly and appointed overseers of the states where the colored work was.

The Third Annual Assembly was held at Sanford, Florida, April 4-10, 1927. Six states were represented.

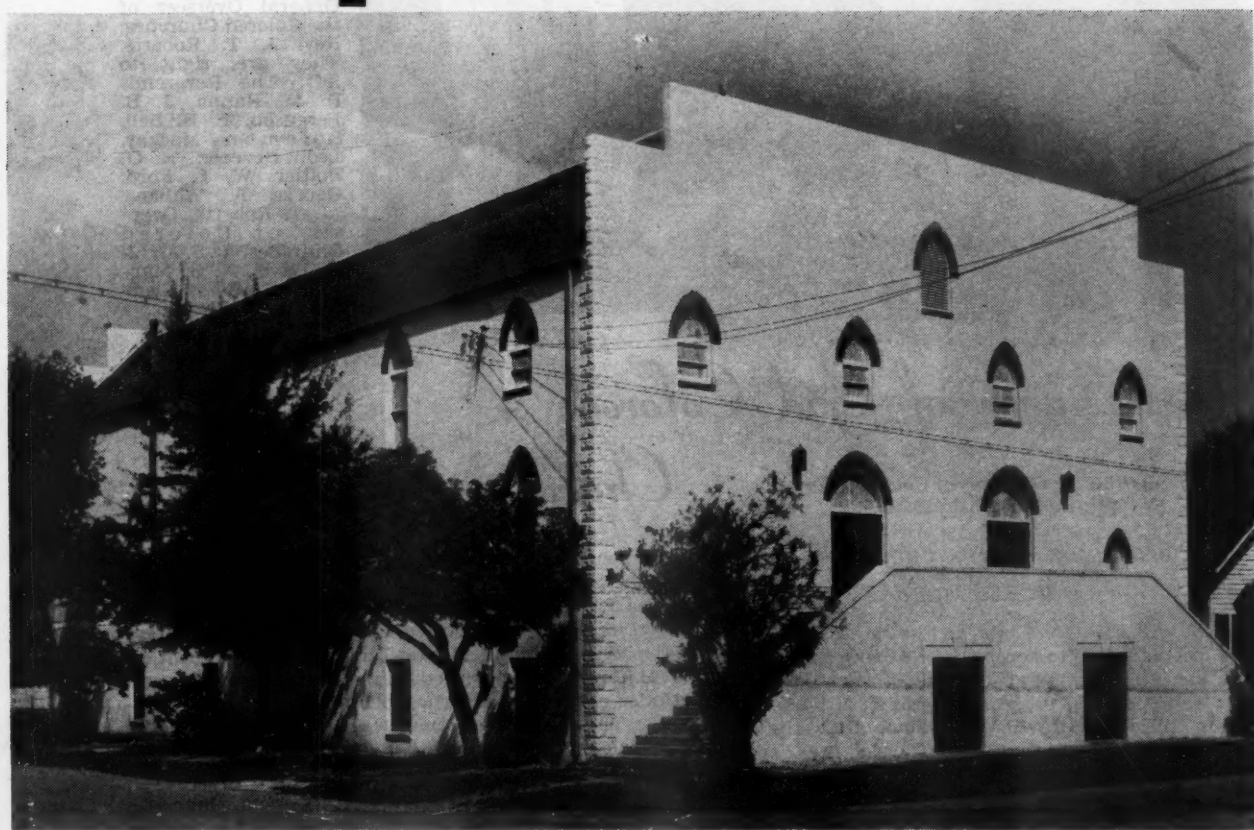
The general overseer of the colored work is appointed by the Overseer Appointing Board at the General International Assembly of the Churches of God. The overseer of the colored work becomes the state overseer of the State of Florida. In the year 1928, Brother J. H. Curry was appointed overseer of the colored work. Under his supervision, the work made wonderful progress. The orphanage home was built, as well as the spacious auditorium. Brother Curry served the church as overseer for about eleven years.

In the year 1939, Brother N. S. Marcelle succeeded Brother Curry as overseer. He, too, was a very zealous and energetic leader in his pursuit for the church. His wife was a very faithful servant with him on the field, as long as her health would allow her. The church made speedy progress under his administration. Brother Marcelle served as overseer of the colored work for about seven years.

In 1946, another change in overseers was made. Brother W. L. Ford, was appointed overseer of the colored work. In 1949 he was succeeded by Brother George A. Wallace, who served the people to the best of his ability. Under his leadership the Church of God Auditorium, which began under the leadership of Brother W. L. Ford, was completed. In 1954 he was succeeded by Brother W. L. Ford.

Rev. W. L. Ford was succeeded by Rev. J. T. Roberts who was appointed at the May Assembly, 1958, in Jacksonville, Florida, and is the present overseer of the colored churches.





*The above picture shows the Church of God Auditorium, in Jacksonville, Florida, the home of the Annual Assembly of the Church of God Colored Work.*

The erecting of such a building was born in the minds of our councilmen, and the setting forth of such a plan was unanimously agreed upon and affirmed by the Annual Assembly. The completion of the Church of God Auditorium, dedicated to the worship of God, represents the realization of a dream which we have nourished for many years. Through faith, it was realized after years of toils and tears. We wanted an auditorium that would serve our people and the community and which we would be able to look upon with pride.

**REVEREND H. G. POITIER**  
**General Secretary-Treasurer of the**  
**Colored Churches of God**

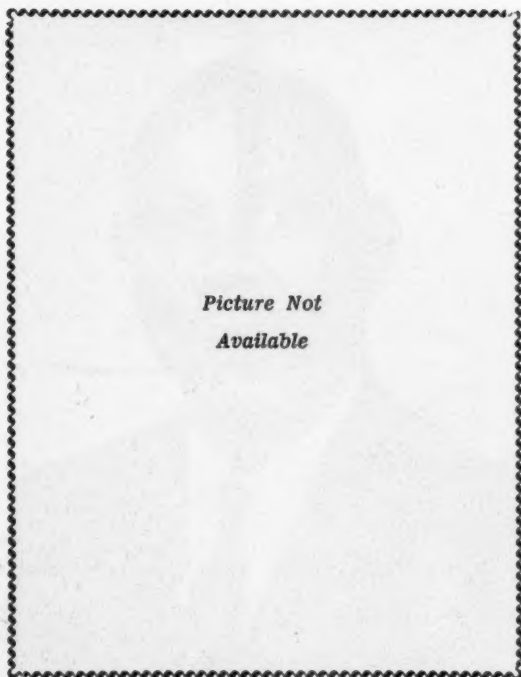
Reverend H. G. Poitier, now in his ninth year of service, was appointed General Secretary-Treasurer. He is the third to serve in this capacity. His services to this great organization have been quite extensive. He is also pastor of a growing church in West Palm Beach, Florida, and chairman of the Burial Auxillary.



**MRS. IRENE GLORIA TUNSIL**  
**National Youth Secretary**

Mrs. Gloria Tunsil accepted the honored position of National Youth Secretary at the National Youth Congress in May, 1955, and is proud of the position. It is her endeavor to keep perfect records. During the year, she serves as part-time secretary to the *Gospel Herald* Department, working under the Editor, Elder P. C. Hickson. Mrs. Tunsil was reared in the Church of God and became an active member in 1950. She received training at Walker Vocational College, Jacksonville, Florida. Her secular employment included Secretary to Solomon's Real Estate Agency.





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**MRS. BERNICE J. DOUSE**  
**National Directress of Youth Activities**

God always prepares a job for every man as well as a man for every job, and it is supposed (with logical reasoning) that youth work and Sister Douse were designed for each other. Sister Douse, known to many as Bernice Johnson Douse, was reared in Florida in a Christian home, and at a very early age accepted Christ in His fullness. She received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and was immediately added to the Church of God, where she has rendered a great deal of service.

In order to better serve the church, she made the sacrifice; and with the help of those who wanted her to succeed, she completed her college training and now holds degrees in social studies. She has worked with young people and knows how to influence them in the right direction. Realizing that God's program demands full time, she gave up teaching in the public schools of Fort Myers, Florida, and devoted her time to the promotion of Christ and His plan of salvation. In 1958 the Annual Assembly appointed her to serve as National Sunday School and Youth Directress. During a very short period, Sister Douse has conducted Workers' Training Course classes in various districts. Reports are coming in about the information that has been gained through these courses.



**REVEREND P. C. HICKSON**  
**Editor of the Gospel Herald**

It was the vision of Brother Hickson that brought the *Gospel Herald* into existence. The first issue of the paper was released November 26, 1936; and every year, in November, the General Church celebrates its birthday with a special offering. This is a monthly publication and is in the interest of all the colored churches; therefore, every church in the organization (colored) receives it. It is also sent to every white overseer in the Church of God. The *Gospel Herald* has proved a great blessing. It is almost impossible to read a single issue of the *Gospel Herald* without remembering how Elder Hickson and his faithful youth workers strove so hard to make it worthwhile.

**VIOLA PARRIS CALDWELL**  
**Secretary to the General Office**  
**of the Colored Work**

Sister Viola Caldwell, a lifetime member of the Church of God Youth Department, was saved and in 1945 at the age of 14 she was added to the church, where she has served faithfully ever since. She considers her present position a greater opportunity to render service to the church she loves so dearly.

She served her local church as secretary of the Sunday School and Youth Department for eight consecutive years. She became secretary of the Jacksonville District Sunday School and Y.P.E. Union in 1945 and now holds the same position. She was formerly secretary of the Florida West Coast Convention and the National Youth Congress.

Her secular employment included that of secretary to the Dean-Registrar, Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida. Her stenographic training began at Stanton High School of Jacksonville, Florida, with further study at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida.

"... not slothful in business. . ."

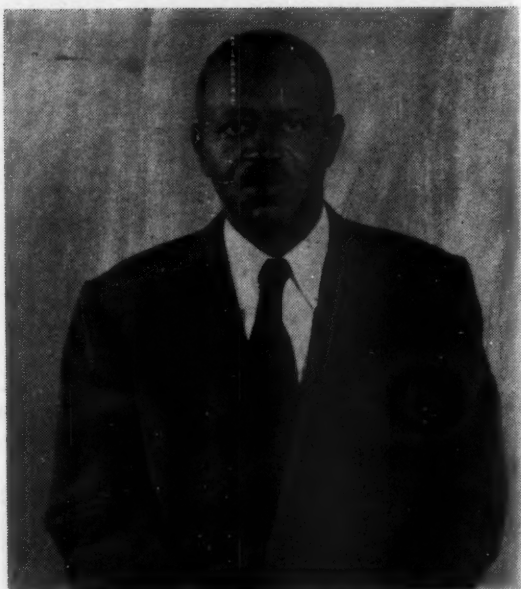


**Mrs. Lillian G. Woodside**  
**President of the Ladies' Willing Workers'**  
**Band**

Sister Woodside, (shown here with her son and daughter) President of the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band of the Churches of God, (colored) U. S. A., has been working strenuously since her appointment, trying to establish some means of raising funds to help the churches. She lives in Deerfield Beach, Florida, but her interest is in the churches throughout the United States. She welcomes ideas and suggestions from Willing Workers everywhere.







## FLORIDA MOVES ON

**P**ICTURED ABOVE is the Reverend F. B. Bell, Overseer of Florida. The Church of God Colored Work had its beginning in the State of Florida, the City of Miami, and dates as far back as 1910. There were two colored churches on the first official list of the Churches of God, published in 1913. These two churches stand today—Miami and Jacksonville.

Edmond S. Barr, the first ordained colored bishop in the Church of God, became the first overseer of Florida (colored). He was appointed in 1916 under Sam C. Perry. In 1923 David LaFleur became overseer of Florida as well as overseer of the entire colored work. In 1928 J. H. Curry was appointed overseer of the colored work and state overseer of Florida. Others who served in the same capacity, in the order of their appointment, are: G. C. Sapp, N. S. Marcelle, W. L. Ford and G. A. Wallace. Although Rev. Bell is the eighth Bishop to serve as overseer of Florida, he is the second to serve under the separate title. The others were over the Colored Work of America inclusively. Under the present set-up, the overseer of Florida will have more time to devote to projects pertaining to the state; thereby, making it grow. The colored work of Florida is now 48 years old.

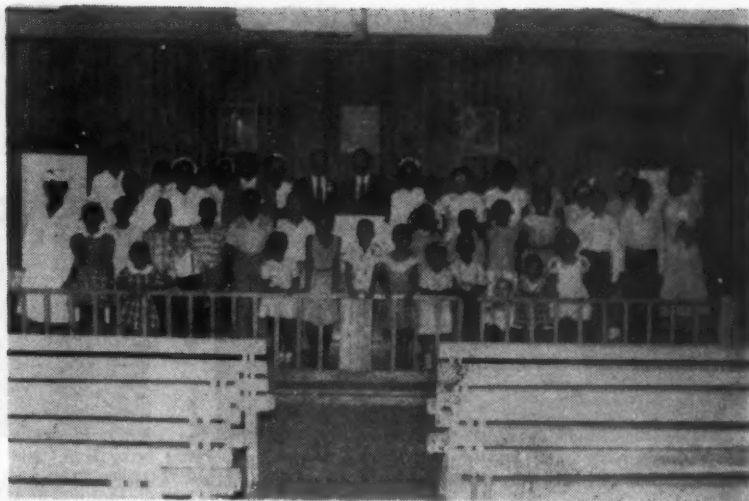
These statistics, submitted for your observation by Rev. Bell, cover a five month period—May, June, July, August, and September, 1958: Number of Homes Visited, 2,621; Number of Sermons Preached, 2,452; Number Saved, 83; Number Sanctified 144; Number Baptized With the Holy Ghost, 97; Number Baptized in Water, 92; Number Added to the Church, 78; Total Membership, 1,434; Number of Revivals, 54; Number of Churches, 49; Number of Reporting Ministers, 75; Average

Sunday School Attendance, 1,367; Average Y.P.E. Attendance, 500; Number of Churches Rebuilt, 7; Number of Parsonages, 7; Total Amount of Tithes Paid From the Churches, \$22,476.04; Total Amount for Aged Ministers, \$267.78; Total Amount for Missions, \$47.10; Number of District Conventions Held in Florida, 3; Total Amount Raised in District Conventions, \$3,063.01.

Bishop Bell boasts of having some of the finest ministers in the Church of God to work with and expresses that these five months have meant a lot to him. He appreciates the splendid co-operation he has received from the members at large and believes that under the administration of Rev. J. T. Roberts, our General Overseer of the Colored Churches, he will be able to lead the State of Florida to greater victories.



## Cocoa, Florida



*The Church of God at Cocoa, Florida, was dedicated in November, 1955. Elder L. O. Wynn, pastor and builder, had a great vision; and through faith, he started the building and saw to it that it was completed. He is pictured standing in the center of the photograph and is surrounded by his co-operative members who helped to make the realization of this work possible. They request your prayers and support as they go forth in the strength of the Lord.*

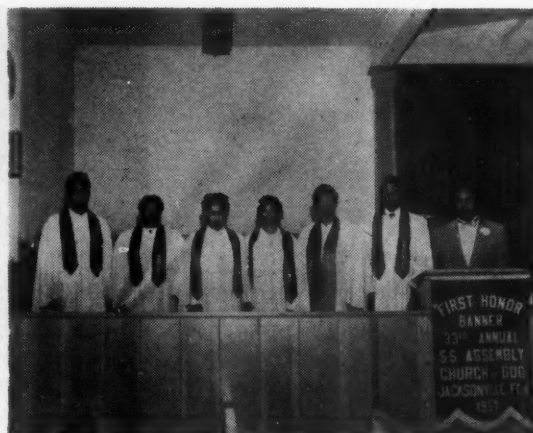
## Jacksonville, Florida



*The Church of God, 1553 Franklin Street, East Jacksonville, Florida, Rev. P. C. Hickson, Pastor.*



Pictured is the Church of God Youth Council at the auditorium, Jacksonville, Florida. Shown with them is the Pastor, Elder P. C. Hickson, who takes an active part in all activities of the church and renders supervision, where needed. Standing on the left is Mrs. Katherine McGahee, President of the Council. Meetings are held bi-weekly and refreshments served monthly. These young people have found their places in God's program and are working willingly.



Here is the Gospel Chorus of the Church of God (Auditorium) Jacksonville, Florida, under the direction of Sister Ruth Spivey. This group renders their services at their local church twice per month and at other times when called upon. They also render programs throughout the city, helping to spread the gospel by singing and creating better relationships among people in the community. They have adopted for their theme—"We Are Soldiers in the Army."

## HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

*MISS KATIE GARDNER, State Secretary*



In the year 1930, on the day of September 19, the first mission was started. It was located on Avenue B and 24th Street. Sister Allen Dean was the founder and leader, with Bishop G. C. Sapp, the State Overseer. In October, 1933, the white saints helped us to start a mission in a store front on Second Avenue and 33rd Street. May God ever bless this fine group in Pratt City, Alabama. In 1942 Brother Sapp organized the Church of God there with thirty members, seven of whom were deacons. A building fund was set up, and Elder James Gardner was elected chairman. Other members were appointed to serve with him. They were Elder S. E. Babbs, Elder F. B. Barnes and Bishop N. S. Marcelle, Overseer. Later in the same year, a lot was purchased between 17th and 18th Streets on Avenue U. In 1948, Elder James Gardner was called home to rest, and his office was filled by Elder F. B. Barnes. Through Elder Barnes, Deacon James Dean, Deacon Johans Curtis, and the saints who co-operated with this board of trustees, a Church of God was erected. Our General Overseer, Rev. J. T. Roberts, who was State Overseer at that time, had so much love for the colored brethren that he made it possible for them to build. May God ever bless him in his efforts to build up the work. We thank God for our present State Overseer, Elder Preston Gardner. He is also pastor of Birmingham; and since he has been with us, the work is beginning to move forward, souls are being blessed, and the saints are being revived. We desire your prayers that God will continue to bless.

## THE CHURCH AND ITS PURPOSE

By F. B. BELL, State Overseer of Florida

*"And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth," Mark 9:22, 23.*

It is the Church's purpose to reach out to the lost and point them to Christ. This is the Church's main objective; and if the Church loses view of its objectives, the Church will fail.

Think of the epileptic child and his sorrowing father. Just a few days previously the disciples (Church) had been enveloped in the glory of the Lord and had heard celestial voices testifying to the divinity of their Master. When we turn away from the disciples (Church) to the distressed and sorrowing father, we find an illustration of the difficulty of believing under opposite and contrasting circumstances. The disciples (Church) were at that time in a state of joy and gladness after the Transfiguration; the father of the epileptic child was in a state of grief and sore affliction. The disciples were in the light on the mountaintop; the father was amid the darkness down in the valley. Yet, he found the difficulty of believing no less hard than the disciples (Church). Therefore, the father said to Jesus, "If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us." Then said Jesus unto him (the father of the child), "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Then the father of the child said with tears, "Lord, I believe. Help thou mine unbelief."

The world is looking to the Church for help. It is the purpose of the Church to help lighten the load of the Christian traveler, to bring sunshine to those who are shut in, to bring strength and courage to those that are tempted by the pleasures of this world, and, to preach the gospel of him (Jesus) our Lord and "Savior." The lost, the bound, the despondent, the weak, and faithless find comfort in the preaching of the cross.

We (Church) have set our sights high in getting more souls saved and a better gain in this NEW YEAR for the glory of God.

Yes, we the members, are the Church; if we will be loyal to God and to one another, truly the Church can carry out its God-given purpose. Remember, with God, there is nothing impossible. Amen.

## IT HAPPENED IN PHILADELPHIA

By K. L. WOODSIDE

In a moving and colorful ceremony filled with dramatic impact, seventeen faithful ministers of the gospel knelt in humble submission before a vast audience of witnesses before the altar of the Church of God at 40th and Fairmount in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where Rev. Eugene Cobbs is pastor. Tears of joy trickled down the weather-worn cheeks of some, while on the faces of others were expressions of reverence as they waited to be prayerfully ordained by the laying on of hands by the General Overseer of the Churches of God, Rev. James A. Cross, the Overseer of the Colored Churches, U. S. A., Rev. J. T. Roberts, and the ordained elders of the northern states. The solemnity of the occasion will long be remembered in the minds of those who knelt at the altar.

The voice of God spoke with profound clarity

through His servant, Brother Cross, as he expounded the great truths of the golden age and admonished the ministers concerning their grave responsibility as ordained brethren. The people's hearts rejoiced, their tongues were glad, and their flesh was made to rest anew in renewed hope, as the ways of life and the plain, unadulterated gospel truths were uttered by an anointed and dedicated servant of the Most High. The law of supply and demand for spiritual truths was in evidence as the General Overseer stood and preached from the depths of his soul with the conviction of a Daniel, the courage of a Paul, and the wisdom of a Methuselah, until tears dropped unashamedly from his eyes. The walls of yet another Jericho came tumbling down and crumbled forever into the dust of yesteryear as he cited time and again the great need for unselfish and dedicated trained soldiers to represent the cross of Calvary.

Five factors were attributed by the Overseer as governing facets for all ministers, ordained and unordained: (1) Plain talk in preaching (2) Understanding in deliverance (3) Sincerity in one's ministry (4) Honesty as a critique in preaching, and (5) Faithfulness and unswerving fidelity to the church. He contended that not only does God expect a minister to study to show himself approved, but Jesus expects a minister to study. The Holy Ghost expects a minister to study, for the Holy Ghost can reveal nothing to a minister that he does not have. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

The church was as hushed and still as a cool summer breeze as Brother Roberts offered prayer for God's blessing and guidance for the newly installed ordained ministers. He assisted the General Overseer as he handed to each minister his certificate of ordination with a word of congratulations and encouragement to be strong in the faith.

If the history books of the past are reliable criteria, history was most surely made on January 13 at 8:00 p.m., at the first mass ordination of the Colored Churches of God in a northern city. In the words of a great leader, "This is truly a great time to be alive!"

It all happened at 40th and Fairmount in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



The Church of God—Pugh Street, Cleveland, Tennessee, Rev. G. J. Wilson, Pastor





Workers' Training Class

## ECHOES FROM THE *Colored Churches of God* NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH DEPARTMENT

*Bernice J. Douse, National Youth Directress*

**W**ORKERS' TRAINING COURSE classes are now being conducted in the districts of the Colored Churches of God in the State of Florida. The first of these classes was conducted at Boynton Beach, August 18-30, 1958. The Youth Leaders' Training Course and the Workers' Training Course No. 1 were offered. About sixty-five persons were in attendance. Thirty-nine enrolled for the Youth Leaders' Training Course and about thirty enrolled for the Workers' Training Course No. 1.

There were many encouraged to go back to their local churches and work in their Sunday School and Youth Departments when the courses were completed. They were deeply impressed with the courses of study. Some wanted to know where this information had been all the time, while others wanted to know why they had not had it before. There were two young ladies who had stopped attending Sunday School altogether; but when they had finished their courses, they went back to their Sunday School. At this particular church, the Sunday School and Y.P.E. were re-organized. These auxiliaries are reported as doing quite well at this time.

This class was conducted in the Middle East District and there were representatives from quite a few of the churches in the district. However, there was only one pastor in attendance—three others were there as spectators. At the close of this class, there were 33 Youth Leaders' Training Course certificates issued and 27 Workers' Training Course No. 1 certificates issued.

On September 15, at Hallandale, in the South East District, a three-week Workers' Training Course class was conducted. The following courses were offered: The Youth Leaders' Training Course and Workers' Training Courses Nos. 1, 2, and 3. The class was very largely attended. Here, we had a few of the local ministers to take the courses, while some others

bought the books. A few pastors came in to visit the class.

We were very deeply encouraged when Rev. G. A. Wallace, pastor of the Churches of God at Perrine and Miami and District pastor of the South East District, came and enrolled as a student in our class. Rev. Wallace made this statement: "When the others get their certificates, I will get mine." He did just that. Evangelist Mary Long also enrolled in these classes, and she received her certificates too. Evangelist Long felt that the courses would help her in her missionary work abroad as well as in her ministry in the States. She was thrilled with the courses.

At the commencement exercises, 21 Youth Leaders' Training Course certificates, 21 Workers' Training Course No. 1 certificates, 36 Workers' Training Course No. 2 certificates, and 38 Workers' Training Course No. 3 certificates were issued.

Well here it is. For the first time, many of us are getting what we have long had a deep desire for—courses in Religious Education and a program which is designed to help us to do a more effective job in our local churches. Naturally, we are made to feel that at last we are headed for a known destination. It would have done your hearts good to have witnessed these students in a class in Religious Education march up and receive their certificates.

Brother Samuel T. Grant, West Palm Beach, has this to say of the Workers' Training Course Program: "I have said this before, and I am saying it again, we have been walking and working in the dark so long; and now that the light has come, I wonder how we got as far as we have while walking in the dark. We were building on sand; but now that the light has come, we are going to build on solid rock."

Since custom is stronger than law, it will take some time to really get into this program; but you keep praying for and with us, and I am sure God will bless us in our efforts.



## TESTIMONIES

**GARY, INDIANA** — Dear Saints and readers of this great paper: We, the saints of God, wish to greet you in the precious name of Jesus, our King. We are glad to report victory in the name of Jesus. We wish to let you know how wonderfully the Lord did bless in our three-week revival, conducted by Missionary Janie Green from Florida. How God did bless in His teachings through Sister Green! Our eyes were opened to the words

of God and the prophets. We are seeking a closer walk, more love and faith, and a better understanding of His Word. We also thank God for our pastor and his lovely wife, who are eager to help us in any way possible to draw closer to the Lord. We desire the prayers of the saints everywhere for our strength in Jesus, our Lord. —Elder Bishop Lawler, pastor; Sister Hazel Coleman, reporter.

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**ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY** — Holy greetings in Jesus' dear name!

Today finds me saved and kept by the power of God. I am desiring your prayers. Truly, I am yet on the run, trying to make 100, because 70 can't make it; 80, God won't take it; 90, that's close; 99½ is almost; but I've got to make 100 since 99½ won't do. Pray that I will. Judgment signs are all around and there is no time to lose. There is no Church of God here, so I go over to Brooklyn, New York, to worship with Elder John Rolle and the members there. —Pauline Trotter

## A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

*Rev. CALVIN L. DRUMMOND, Overseer of Tennessee*



The Tennessee State Convention convened October 8-12, 1958, at the Church of God, 2130 Alpha Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, in the new building, although it is not completed. There, the business of the State was transacted and the saints came together for a great spiritual feast.

Prefacing the convention was the Ministers' Discussion: "Christians in the Light of Full Salvation," 1

Peter 1:21-23 and 1 Peter 2:21-23. Sister Allie Drummond, President of L.W.W.B., and Sister Hattie Johnson, President of A.C.W., were at their posts of duty at the proper time.

Among the dignitaries present was our General Overseer of the Colored Churches, Rev. J. T. Roberts, who is loved by all of the saints who have been privileged to meet him. Long may he live to expound the Word of God and win souls for Christ. Others present were Rev. Preston Gardner, Overseer of Alabama; Rev. W. H. Eddington, Overseer of Kentucky; Sister Kuemine Odom, Florida Evangelist; Rev. O. O. Wolfe and family, of the British Honduras, now residing in the U.S.A., and pastoring the Church of God in Chattanooga, Tennessee; Sister Leola McClain, leader of Pikeville, Tennessee; and Rev. G. J. Wilson, pastor of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee.

"We are off to a good start and hope to have a great year," says Brother Drummond. Sister Odom is conducting a revival and the Lord is blessing.

"Satan must flee from Tennessee."



**GEORGIA**

The Reverend Thomas Jefferson Myers was appointed Overseer of the State of Georgia by the 34th Annual Assembly of the Colored Churches of God, held in Jacksonville, Florida, 1958. Since the appointment, Brother Myers has done much to help the Church of God move on. He is a very ardent worker in the church and is one that is led by the Spirit of God.

It is his desire that the saints everywhere and readers of the *Evangel* pray that he will successfully fulfill his obligations to the church he loves so well.

One new church has already been dedicated, and souls are being saved and added to the church.

## TWO SAVED AT KENTUCKY-OHIO CONVENTION

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," Psalm 133:1.

The Church of God Annual State Convention of Kentucky and Ohio, took place October 1-5, 1958. Held at Williamsburg, Kentucky, the convention was prefaced with a soul-saving campaign. Rev. Eddington, the newly-appointed overseer of Kentucky, was moderator and Brother McKinley Underwood,

overseer of Ohio, did his part in making this convention a success. The attendance was good, with delegates from Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, New Jersey and Florida.

The main highlight of the occasion was the sermon preached by our distinguished overseer, Bishop J. T. Roberts, the theme of which was "The Church in Its Fullness," Romans 12:9, 10; 1 Corinthians 13. As a result of this sermon two

souls were saved and the saints rejoiced.

Free entertainment was provided for all the delegates. A new mission has been organized in Coxton, Kentucky, with Sister Adrana Finley as leader. All of the churches and missions in Kentucky are requesting the prayers of the saints for their growth.

Rev. G. J. Wilson was the host pastor.

## CALL TO THE MISSION FIELD

By **MARY ETTA STOCKS**, Pastor and builder of the Church of God at Kingsland, Georgia



The Lord told me to use half of my house for a church after the family who was renting it moved out. This was my only source of income since I was working for the Lord without a salary, but I did not hesitate to obey the voice of God; I immediately turned half of my house into a place of wor-

ship and lived in the other half with my niece.

In the first revival, the Lord saved 22, of which we had 6 to set up the church when Bishop Ford came in June, 1955. We worked and prayed until 4 more were added. We needed a church building, so I asked the Lord to make it known to me if it was His will for me to build a church for His glory, and He gave me Haggai 1:8. After I sought the Lord the third time, I knew with assurance I was going to build for the Lord, and we praised Him and looked for blessings. We asked the Lord to show us how He wanted us to go about raising money, and He told us not to have any drives or rallies and not to solicit any money, for He had a plan, and He gave me Psalm 24:1. He also said He would put it on the hearts of whomever he would have to donate to this cause and praise God, He did. I made a promise to

the Lord and told Him I would give all my tithes to the building until we got it built. I kept this promise and many others gave and the Lord blessed us with this building. The total cost was less than a thousand dollars and we do not owe anything on it. We started building in June, 1957 and was worshipping in it by December of the same year. Praise God, we worked like Nehemiah and the children of the Lord did as the Lord gave us that Scripture. We worked and prayed and had service every day at noon and every night for 18 months as the Lord commanded us. We were blessed in spite of the way the enemy fought. There are many experiences I could relate; but most of all, I am thankful to say that the Lord was with me during every trial and temptation. I learned many things of the Lord and a great lesson from Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus — "Whatever he says unto you, do it." Thank God, I know Him and love Him and want to do His will. Please pray for us here in Kingsland.

The picture shows the exterior of the church built by a woman of God.

## THE BIRTH OF A CHURCH

Rev. C. C. DANIEL, Overseer, Arkansas—Mississippi



Reverend Calvin Coolidge Daniel was appointed overseer of the States of Arkansas and Mississippi by the present General Overseer of the colored Churches of God, Rev. J. T. Roberts, and God has set His approval on the appointment.

For three or four years the members of the Church of God who resided in West Point, Mississippi, had no place to worship and traveled fifty miles to Eupora to wor-

ship in the nearest church of their choice. However, they were not discouraged, but continued in fasting and prayer before the Lord.

When Brother Daniel returned home from the Army in 1953, the Lord sent him to West Point to go to school under the G.I. Bill. There he continued until August, 1957. It was his desire to get the saints together and begin a church work there when his school term was completed. He worked during the day and attended school at night. When it seemed that he needed someone to stand by him in the ministry, God saved Brother Johnnie Davis who was at that time a member of the Baptist Church, and called him to preach. Brother Davis immediately affiliated himself with the Church of God and proved to be a blessing to the church. These two young ministers prayed together that God would open a way for them to hold public worship in West Point and introduce this wonderful way to the entire community. God answered their prayers through a Methodist minister who opened the doors of his church to them and permitted them to hold service in his edifice one Sunday each month. A few were saved, but none of them joined the church. The saints continued to hold services and distribute the Church of God literature.

Brother Daniel returned from the Assembly of 1958 with a double determination to work as never before looking forward to the birth of a church in West Point. In June, 1958, Rev. J. G. Wilson, the former state overseer, visited them and there while he preached, souls were saved, the sick healed and the Lord added to the church. Again in July, Brother Wilson spent another week in a revival and when his time was out, the saints continued for two weeks longer and the Lord was with them, insomuch that a Church of God was set in order with ten members.

When the States' convention was held in Carbon Hill for Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi, this church was only one month old and it reported \$3.00 for the Sunday School, \$3.00 for the Y.P.E. and \$5.00 for the church, with the majority of the members attending. The church is spiritual and on fire for God. The heart of Bishop G. W. Moore, the Methodist pastor, is still open with love and permits the Church of God to hold services in his church. What a wonder about God.

"We are not boasting as we have not as yet set in order a church in Arkansas," says Brother Daniel, "but the work out there is great and God is dealing with the people." It is their determination to not only report a new church at the next Assembly, but some new churches. It is highly possible for these people have the zeal of God and that according to knowledge.



### THE CHURCH OF GOD

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In 1955 folders with a picture of the proposed church on it were sent to many of our churches in the United States and Canada. Some responded with liberal donations which we applied to the building of this beautiful church.

The building was started in February, 1956, and was dedicated in September, 1956. The pastor, Rev. B. F. Scott, is shown on the steps of the church. Also pictured is the church choir.

The Pennsylvania State Convention was held at this church October 8 through 12, with Elder J. B. Cox, state overseer, as moderator. The theme of the opening address was: "Love That Never Fails," delivered by the host pastor, Elder B. F. Scott. One of the most inspiring messages delivered by our General Overseer of the colored Churches of God, Rev. J. T. Roberts, was "When Isalah Went to Church." The Lord truly blessed in many ways.

We enjoyed good singing and preaching from singers and ministers from Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Ohio. The farewell address by Elder Leon Daniels of Delaware caused our hearts to burn within us. Pray for these devout workers in East Liberty that the Lord will continue to bless. The sum of \$675.37 was raised during the convention.

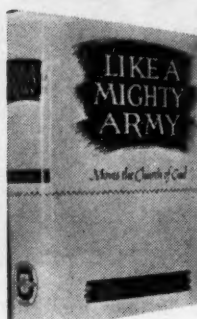
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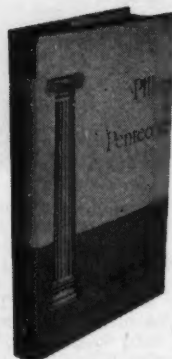
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